

LINDNER
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant submits that the embodiment of Figure 5 makes use of the same inventive concept as that of Figures 1-4. Figure 5 shows further advantageous details of the bearing unit 5, wherein the upper bearing leg 7a of the vertical bearing segment 7 is pivotally mounted on the retaining arm 9 of the vertical bearing segment 7. The bearing leg 7a can thus be folded up around the swiveling axes 34 if in case of a fold the material web has been pulled into the upper bearing gap and must be removed from this gap (see also paragraph [0047] of the description).

Withdrawal of the election of species requirement is thus respectfully requested.

A prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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